

Dear Rod,

I bring sad tidings on this holiday. “Things are going to change around here” and your research and service efforts are not accounting. Your annual evaluation will suffer.... well, let’s look at the details before we get to your annual evaluation.

A good place to start is to get the facts straight and review your major source of service and publications:

“The Southwest Region will hold its 2010 (31st) Annual Meeting on March 2-6, 2010, at the Sheraton Hotel Dallas in Dallas, Texas, USA. Submission deadline is September 30, 2009. For more information, contact **Program Chair Roderick B. Posey**, University of Southern Mississippi, roderick.posey@usm.edu.”
<http://www.decisionsciences.org/regions/default.asp>

Our new Director of School of Accountancy, Skip Hughes, has declared, “Decision Sciences is not accounting.” Service or research may be done for your own personal edification, Rod, but, no, it won’t count.

I tried to convince Skip that “Decision Sciences Institute has an accounting section and, in addition, is multi-disciplinary.” Alas, there was no deterring him from his “feelings” about Decision Sciences.

Skip said, “Well, ah, [Decision sciences] is not listed under journals in accounting. Decision Sciences is not accounting.” Skip reiterated. “Decision Sciences is part of Information Systems. It’s,” he repeated again, “not accounting...It’s listed under MIS.”

Of course, as we know, Skip got that wrong (Decision Sciences is listed under “Discipline: General” and not under MIS), but that won’t matter because he will see that service and research associated with Decision Sciences does not count in annual evaluations. Skip said he was making these representations as Director of School of Accountancy and that his “feelings” were not a special standard for me; they apply to all of us. “I don’t believe,” Skip shared with me, “that organization [Decision Sciences Institute] is very prestigious, okay...You asked for my advice, if you don’t like it, you can say shove it.”

After all the work you’ve done through the Decision Sciences Institute, let me recommend, Rod, that you follow Skip’s advice and tell him, “You can shove it, Skip!”

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